

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following amended

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~~A face detection and tracking system and method by which a plurality of faces can be detected and tracked in real time are provided.~~ The face detection and tracking system for detecting and tracking a plurality of faces in real time from an input image comprises: a background removing unit which extracts an area having a motion by removing ~~the~~ a background image from the input image; a candidate area extracting unit which extracts a candidate area in which a face can be located in the area having a motion~~[[,]]~~ by using a skin color probability map (~~P_{skin}~~) generated from a face skin color model and ~~the~~ a global probability map (~~P_{global}~~);~~[[,]]~~ a face area determination unit which extracts independent component analysis (ICA) features from a candidate area and determines whether ~~or not~~ the candidate area is a face area by using ~~the~~ a trained SVM classifier; and a face area tracking unit which tracks ~~[[a]]~~ the face area according to a directional kernel indicating a probability that a face is located in a next frame~~[[,]]~~ based on the skin color probability map.